

Night 13

Highlights from Surah An-Nahl: The Surah is called An-Nahl—the Bee. In it Allah explains the miracles of a small insect having a whole system of a nation. And the syrup produced from their bellies has healing for human body. Besides the common message of Makki Surahs, it also describes the high moral standards to which the Prophet was inviting the humanity in an appealing manner. **Key Highlights:** *Allah created man from *Nutfah*, a drop, and provided for him all types of bounties to support him: 1) cattle for eating and wearing, 2) horses, mules, and donkeys to ride and carry loads, 3) rainwater to drink and grow vegetation, 4) crops and fruits 5) sea to provide fish for eat, and pearls to wear, and as a means of transportation, and yet you oppose Allah and His commandments and are ever ungrateful. *And if you try to count the graces of Allah, you would never be able to do that. *Allah has power over everything. When He intends to do anything, He just says Be! And it is done. *Men were sent as Messengers before Muhammad – knowledgeable people of the Book attest to it. *Every moving thing on the earth and angels, even your own shadows, prostrate before Allah and worship Him in humility, unconditionally following His commands. It Allah’s Right upon His creation. Why don’t you do it then? *Grieving over the birth of a female child or treating her with disrespect is an evil practice of jahilyyah. *If Allah were to punish for every wrongdoing, not a single living creature on earth would escape punishment. But He is Merciful and gives chance for repentance. *Just as water gives life to dead land, so does the Qur’an to the human soul. It is guidance, mercy, and glad tidings for the believers. *Seek Allah’s protection from Shaitan before reciting the Qur’an. *Don’t you see signs of Allah around you? In the cattle, how He separates the internal fluid into blood, an impure thing, and milk – a nourishing drink. And in the Bees, how He provided instinct in them to pick flowers to produce a drink that is healing for the people. And the stages of life in a person itself, how from the womb of the mother, He gave hearing, seeing, and heart, and then intelligence, and then back to “infancy” – senility. *With the grace of Allah, a believer is like a person who is in charge, executing affairs with wisdom, earning His blessings; and a disbeliever is like a slave, who like a dumb person follows his false gods and produces nothing. *When Allah prefers some over the others in wealth and property, they must spend to help the poor; otherwise it will be a denial of Allah favors. *Allah commands to do justice, excel in being good to others, and give to near relatives. He forbids evil, indecent and immoral acts, wickedness, and oppression. You will be rewarded with good life: in proportion to what you did. *The only possessions that you will carry are the good deeds; everything else will be waived. *Shaitaan has no power over the believers who put their trust in Allah. His power is only over those who voluntarily follow him. *If you commit evil in ignorance, repent, and follow-up with good deeds. Allah is All Forgiving. *Declaration of Halal and Haram are only from Allah. *In inviting people to Islam, use wisdom and fairness in preaching, and reason with them politely. *If you avenge an enemy, do it equal to the harm done to you, but it is better for you if you forgive. *O Muhammad! Follow the religion of Ibrahim – he was an Umma (nation) in himself. Ibrahim was never among the Mushrikeen.

Highlights from Surah Al-Isra: Also known as Surah Bani Israeel, was revealed one year before migration to Madinah. It mentions the Prophet’s miraculous journey one night from Masjid al-Haram in Makkah to Masjid al-Aqsa in Jerusalem. From there he was taken to the heavens in what is called as *Mai’raaj*. The Surah tells the story of Bani Israeel as a lesson for the believers. The difficult conditions that existed at this time and the Message of Tauhid have been described in earlier summaries. Here the fundamental principles of morality and civilization are summarized, on which the Prophet wanted to build an Islamic Ummah. **Key Highlights:** *Allah has the whole mankind is in His grip. *Allah has sent the Qur’an as a mercy and healing for the believers, and the Prophet as the bearer of glad tidings and warning. *On the Day of Judgment

every man's deed will be hanging from his neck.*What is Ruh? Its knowledge is only with Allah*Only humans were sent to mankind as Allah's messengers. If angels lived on earth, He would have sent angels.*Perform the five daily prayers. Recite the Qur'an in the early dawn, it is witnessed by angels at this time.*Offer Salat in a medium voice, not too loud, and not too soft.*Do not invoke evil with Allah, such as asking for curse on enemies; instead be patient for Allah to do the justice.*Those who only seek worldly pleasures from Allah, He grants them but also appoints Hell for them. But those who seek the Hereafter and strive for it, Allah appreciates it and rewards them.*Before Allah destroys a town, He sends message to the well-to-do and leaders of that town. But when they continue to transgress, the punishment is justified, and He brings complete destruction. Jews were warned that: "If you do good or bad, you do it for or against yourselves." So when they broke the promise, Allah made their faces sorrowful and let the enemies enter the mosque of Jerusalem and destroy it.*Worship none but Allah*Be dutiful to your parents. When they get old, do not even utter a word of disrespect or shout at them. Address them with words of honor and humility. Pray for their well being because they did favors to you when you were young.*Give to relatives, needy, and the travelers in need. And if you have no money, speak to them softly with kind words.*Do not be spendthrift; only brothers of Shaitan do it. And, on the other hand, do not be stingy.*Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. It is a great sin. Besides, Allah is responsible for providing provisions to all, including you.*Do not even come near, let alone commit, fornication. It is a major sin.*Do not kill innocent people – without just cause.*Do not speak of something of which you have no knowledge, such as spreading gossip. Your eyes, your ears, your heart will be witnesses against you on the Day of Judgment.*Do not walk arrogantly on earth.*Safeguard the property of orphans.*Give full measure, weight, and value in trade.*Use only good language; Shaitan makes you use foul language to create discord.*Stand firm for your faith and principles, even though you may be tempted with worldly things, or threatened.*